

REMARKS

In the specification, the new paragraph added before paragraph [0001] at line [0003] inserts a claim for domestic priority. Claims 1-8 remain in this application. Claims 3-5 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies.

Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

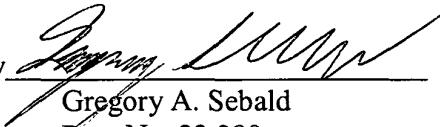
If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, Gregory A. Sebald (Reg. No. 33,280), at (612) 371.5265.

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